

Cleaver amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Programs and Management by \$3 million (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 634); and

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Hochul amendment that sought to reduce the amount in the Bureau of Land Management account available for the processing of applications for drilling permits by \$4,452,000 (by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 636).

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H. Res. 363, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 131 noes, Roll No. 630, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Extending the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation: S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011: Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1383, to temporarily preserve higher rates for tuition and fees for programs of education at non-public institutions of higher learning pursued by individuals enrolled in the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs before the enactment of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted notification that an Executive Order was issued declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat that significant transnational criminal organizations pose to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–46).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5402.

Senate Referrals: S. 300 was referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Armed Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5409, H5410,

H5466–67, H5467, H5468, H5468–69, H5469–70. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NORTH-AMERICAN-MADE ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1938, the “North-American-Made Energy Security Act.” The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate with 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Rep. Terry; Rep. Waxman; Rep. Hanabusa; and Rep. Kucinich.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following: H.R. 198, the “Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act”; H.R. 1154, the “Veterans Equal Treatment for Service Dogs Act”; H.R. 1855, the “Veterans’ Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services’ Improvements Act of 2011”; H.R. 2074, the “Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention Act”; H.R. 2530, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased flexibility in establishing rates for reimbursement of

State homes by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for nursing home care provided to veterans; and draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Rep. Grimm; Rep. Carter; Rep. Walz of Minnesota; Rep. Bucshon; Robert L. Jesse, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Chairperson and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and S. Roy Woodall, Jr., of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, focusing on a review of key issues, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 1280, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, S. Res. 216, encouraging women's political participation in Saudi Arabia, S. Con. Res. 17, expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), S. Res. 227, calling for the protection of the Mekong River Basin and increased United States support for delaying the construction of mainstream dams along the Mekong River, S. Res. 175, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to ongoing violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and the importance of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict within Georgia's internationally recognized borders, Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hun-

gary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the "proposed Convention") and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111-07), Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-08), Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112-01), Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bermuda relating to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Hamilton on January 12, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-06), and the nominations of Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador, Frankie Annette Reed, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine building a ladder of opportunity, focusing on what's working to make the American dream a reality for middle class families, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine small business contracts, focusing on how oversight failures and regulatory loopholes allow large businesses to get and keep small business contracts, 10 a.m., SD-342.